

Ex S. S. Rosalind.

Family Mess--Rib--PorkTry "SUNBEAM", the newest Breakfast Coffee,
65c. 1 lb. tin.

Local Cabbage, free from frost.
Local Tomatoes.
P. E. I. Parsnips & Beets
American Parsnips.
New York Corned Beef.
"Regal" Table Salt, 2 lb. carton, 17c.
Extra Fancy "Blue Rose" Rice 14c. lb.
Corn Syrup, 2 lb. tins.
Choice Quality Pitted Plums, 25c. lb.

Good Quality Prunes, 15 and 20c. lb.
5 Rose Flour, 14 lb. sack for \$1.20.
Reindeer Coffee & Milk, 1 lb. tins.
Reindeer Cocoa & Milk, 1 lb. tins.
Kit Coffee—
Small 38c.
Large 70c.
New Evaporated Apples, 24c. lb.
Evaporated Apricots, 30c.

Canadian Eggs

FRESH SALMON, FRESH CAPLIN, FRESH COD-FISH, KIPPERED HERRING, FINNAN HADDIE.

C. P. EAGAN,

Duckworth Street & Queen's Road

The Sacred Tree of Death**Monster Plant That Devours Girls.**

The noted German explorer and scientist, Dr. Karl Leche, has brought back from the wilds of Madagascar one of the most amusing stories that have ever come from the African island.

This plant, or tree, which he calls *Crinoida Darjeena*, attains, according to Dr. Leche, a size of ten feet, and is powerful enough to enmesh and destroy a human being.

"I had gone," he writes, "to Madagascar, to visit Queen Ranavalona II, and was persuaded to visit the Mkodas by a native who had heard that besides generous daily pay I was accustomed to reward liberally anyone who showed me something strange or out of the way.

"In his company I journeyed to the southeastern part of the island, inland among the hills covered with thick virgin forest, where there is a district practically unknown, whose white visitors can be numbered on the fingers of one hand. This is the region inhabited by the Mkodas.

"It was while among these natives that I was witness to what was probably the most horrible sight I have ever seen. Their religion consists in the worship of their sacred tree, one of the most wonderful freaks of Nature. To this tree they offer human sacrifices.

An Appalling Ceremony.

"The sacred tree is most remarkable in appearance. Its trunk, which rarely rises ten feet above the ground, is of a strange, barrel-like shape, covered with a quaint mosaic sort of bark, looking like nothing so much as a gigantic pineapple. At the top of this trunk it is between eight and nine feet in circumference, and upon it is fixed a remarkable growth very much resembling a huge plate.

"From the top of the trunk there hung eight leaves. They were of extraordinary size, ten to twelve feet long, a foot wide where they were hinged to the tree, widening to about two feet, and finally tapering down to a point as sharp as a needle. They were plentifully strewn with huge, venomous looking thorns.

"These leaves could not have been less than fifteen inches thick in the centre, and hung down inertly along the trunk, their point trailing in the earth. Above these there stretched, rigidly and horizontally a number of branches several feet in length. Finally, from underneath the plate-like arrangement there grew, pointing up-

ward, half-a-dozen frail looking stamens—palpi would be a better name, I believe—that shivered constantly, as if agitated by some strong wind.

"It seems the plate-like affair on top of the trunk contained some thick sweet juice. This liquid, which is a product of the tree and was probably originally intended to attract birds, is highly intoxicating, and even a very small quantity very soon produces coma.

"When sacrifices take place a woman is forced to climb into the tree and drink. If she 'devils' inside in good humour, then the girl will be allowed to get down again in safety. If he was feeling ugly, however, then the poor girl was out of luck. Exactly how the tree was going to prevent her jumping down I could not make out, but I was to learn eventually.

"One evening my guide presented himself to me and told me that what he had been waiting for would take place that night.

"That night, having made the chief a present to insure that I would be welcome to witness their ceremony, I followed the tribe into the forest. They made their way to the sacred tree, and round it built twelve fires, so that the whole surroundings were lit up brightly. Then they disposed themselves about them and made themselves at home, some eating, but most of them drinking huge gourdfuls of native ferment.

"Very soon they were all of them more or less intoxicated, both the men and the women, with the exception of a young girl nearby, who neither spoke nor moved, but glanced about her as if she were terrified out of her wits.

"Suddenly without warning the yelling ceased and they scattered away like frightened deer. The crucial point had arrived. For a moment there was complete silence but for the crackling of the fires. Intuition told me that the girl I had noted before was the one that was to be the sacrifice. I looked at her and saw mortal terror imprinted on her features. Yet for the life of me I could not imagine why, and put down her fear to imagination.

"By now the first group of dancers had somewhat recovered, and, suddenly springing up, rushed upon the poor girl with unearthly shrieks and yells. They surrounded her, and with shouts and gestures ordered her to climb the tree.

"Terrified, she shrank back, apparently begging for mercy. At that the whole crowd joined in, furiously howling at her to obey. Once more the dancers gave out their orders; then, as she still refused and struggled, they armed themselves with spears, and stabbing at her forced her to retreat in the direction of the devil-god.

"At last, seeing it was useless to fight further, she turned and faced the tree. For a moment she stood still, gathering herself up for a supreme effort, then quickly she sprang toward the tree. She scrambled up, and reaching the top knelt and drank of the 'holy' liquid.

"Quickly she jumped up again, and I expected to see her jump down, thinking all was over, in that dim light not noticing instantly what caused her so to shriek with terror.

"Suddenly I realized what was happening, and I seemed to be paralyzed with horror. The tree, seemingly so dead and motionless a moment before had come to life. The palpi, so frail looking, had suddenly ceased to quiver, and had coiled themselves about the girl's head and shoulders, holding her so firmly that all her efforts to free herself remained absolutely useless.

Unsolved Mysteries of Science.
"The green branches so rigid before began to writhe, and coiled themselves round and round like snakes. Then as that mass struggled there arose a horrible sight I shall never forget—the great leaves began to rise slowly, very slowly. Those evil-looking thorns were now on the inside, pointing toward the victim and closing on her with the force of a hydraulic press.

"As they came together tightly they trickled down the trunk a pinkish mixture.
"Then the feasting began again amid much rejoicing. The devil was appeased."

The researches of the famous Dr. Bose, the Hindu scientist, go far toward confirming Dr. Leche's story. By means of magnification and certain arrangements of intense lights Dr. Bose was enabled to produce actual pictures of a plant's growth and life. While the plants seem to have no fibre such as we have, there is a tremendous sensitiveness between their cells. The cells are, indeed, a granulated nerve.

The comparison might be made that instead of a wire such as our nerves may be likened to, the plant nerves are a series of small bodies with power of communicating impressions each to the other.
What and where the directing force is—in a sentence, what and where is the plant brain?—is one of the mysteries science still has to reveal. Intense as the interest the story of the Madagascar tree has aroused among botanists, there are few who will dare say it is impossible (writes Dr. B. H. Williams, in the "Chicago Herald"). It is to be hoped that a scientific expedition will soon go to the place indicated by the German explorer and make a careful study of the extraordinary plant.

MOTHER!**"California Syrup of Figs"**
Child's Best Laxative

Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best, and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."

Fish Packages.

DANGEROUS TO HANDLERS.
Some of the longshoremen who helped stow a cargo of fish shipped to Liverpool by last steamer, complain of the way in which the heads are nailed in the packages. They say that large nails are used in the lining hoops and not properly clinched. There is no doubt but that some of the packages complained of were dangerous to handle, on account of protruding nails, but this was not the only fault, as many of the casks were very dirty, at least on the outside, whilst others appeared to be slapped together. The necessity of having good clean packages in which to ship food is obvious, but apparently very little attention is paid to this matter, in many instances, one being such as we now record.

Badly rusted bronze grates may be made to look like new if painted with dark-oak varnish.

"REG'AR FELLERS"**He Has Never Seen Anything to Equal It, Declares Long****Halifax Man Restored by Tanlac Years Ago is Still in Best of Health, He Says.**

"Tanlac beats anything I've ever seen, for it has made me feel just like a brand new man. Why, at the time I began taking it I had been in poor health for nearly four years. My appetite was gone, and what little food I did eat just would not digest properly, and I was in such an awful condition that many days I was hardly able to stand up, to say nothing of work.
"Well, I went down hill every day, and nothing helped me until I got Tanlac. But now all my troubles are gone and I feel just as well in every day as I ever did in my life. Tanlac certainly is the medicine to take all the aches and pains out of a fellow and make him feel like something."

The above statement was given by Thomas Joseph Long, 75 Maitland St., Halifax, N.S., early in January, 1920. A few days ago, after a lapse of nearly twelve months, a special Tanlac representative had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. Long, and found him enjoying the best of health and still praising Tanlac, which is another link in the long chain of evidence regarding both the immediate and lasting results being obtained from the Master Medicine.
Mr. Long is a life long resident of Halifax, and is highly respected by all who know him.

Tanlac is sold in St. John's by M. Connors, in Paradise by Mrs. Martin F. Byrne, in Upper Gillies by Heber Andrews, in Portland by H. C. Haines, in St. Joseph, Salmonier, by Mrs. J. Gushue, in Millertown by Exploits Valley Royal Stores, Ltd., in Flat Islands by William Samson, in Jamestown by Christopher Haines, and in Lewisporte by Uriah Freake.—adv.

Loyal Orange Association.**R. S. CHAPTER, No. 107.**

On January 15, Royal Scarlet Chapter, No. 107, Newman's Cove, Bonavista Bay, held its annual meeting and election of officers. The attendance was a record, some of the members coming a distance of two miles. The election resulted as follows:—

W.C. in Com.—Sir Knight Com. Albert Cool, re-elected.
E.C. in Com.—Sir Knight Com. Walter Ryan, re-elected.
C. Chaplain—Sir Knight Com. Gideon Abbott, re-elected.
C. Scribe—Sir Knight Com. John Elliott, re-elected.
C. Treasurer—Sir Knight Com. John G. Elliott, elected.
G. Sir Herald at Arms—Sir Knight Com. George Strickland, re-elected.
C. 1st Lecturer—Sir Knight Com. Thomas Edmunds, re-elected.
C. 2nd Lecturer—Sir Knight Com. Victor Tilly, re-elected.
C. 1st Conductor—Sir Knight Com. Fred Abbott, re-elected.
C. 2nd Conductor—Sir Knight Com. James Elliott, elected.
C. Inside Herald—Sir Knight Com. Orlando Elliott, elected.
C. Outside Herald—Sir Knight Com. Thomas Wiseman, elected.

After the installation of officers on the package, the Chapter proceeded to business and many items were fully discussed. Although Chapter 107 is young in years, yet it has a splendid number of Scarlet Companions on the roll.

S.S. Sachem, Capt. Hayes, 9 days from Liverpool, arrived in port at 1 o'clock this morning, bringing a small freight and a number of passengers.

COUGHS

bronchitis or other ailments are ear-marks of broken resistance.

Scott's Emulsion

taken regularly imparts new energy, increases the powers of resistance and helps drive out the cause of weakness.

Scott & Bowne, Toronto, Ont. 20-37

A Factory for Boat Building.

Messrs. W. F. and E. Bowering, of Bay Roberts, are now erecting a factory wherein materials for boats of various sizes and designs will be prepared.

The factory is situated near Klondyke Bridge, Bay Roberts West. Some ten men are at present employed and it is the intention of the firm to complete a large number of small craft during the spring and summer, giving employment to a large staff of men. The Messrs. Bowering, who are famed for their

ability to turn out splendid boats, will have the good wishes of every person who is interested in the organization and development of local industries in Newfoundland. Would that others would emulate their enterprise so that labor could be obtained by our people.

Children's Hair
Shampooing, Treatments, etc.
Wave, &c. MRS. J. L. COLEMAN, 112 1/2 Military Road, Dec 30, 1920, t.h.s., t.u.

The Gift for Health from East, "LES FRUITS," ELLERRE, dec 31.

**The Next Four Days are "Cold Day Comfort" Days**

And right here and now, before you look at the list below, KEARNEY wants you to listen to a word of advice in season. During the past sixteen days of the 50-50 SALE there have been several shoppers who have come in late on the "fourth day" of different groups to purchase some one or more of the advertised articles, and KEARNEY'S Clerks had to say "I'm sorry, but we sold the last about half-an-hour ago." All that would-be shopper took away was a "grouch" because he was too late.

Don't YOU wait until the FOURTH DAY. COME ON THE FIRST DAY and early at that, then you'll get your pick of what's going (and there's a great list this time). Take KEARNEY'S advice, he knows that if you do wait until the fourth day, you'll be like the folks he's told you about, and all you'll get from the 50-50 SALE will be a "grouch" to think you didn't come earlier.

Just look at this!!! Jaeger Goods, all of 'em!!!

36 only White Wool Mufflers. The kind that only Jaeger makes	Regular Price \$4.50 Half Price, \$ 2.25
Jaeger White Wool Sweater Coats, just the thing for Curriers of the White Division	Regular Price \$15.00 Half Price, \$ 7.50
Jaeger Wool Bed Sox. No more cold feet this frosty weather	Regular Price \$4.00 Half Price, \$ 2.00
Boys' fine Jersey Sweaters. Pull-over style, high roll collar, dark Heather mixture. Corking for College Hockey practice	Regular Price \$8.25 Half Price, \$ 4.13
Cholera Belts—A few only, knitted and felt, buckled fastenings; all sizes	Regular Price \$4.25 Half Price, \$ 2.13
Jaeger Bedroom Slippers, Check pattern, Fleece Wool Uppers; Felt and Leather soles	Regular Price \$4.50 Half Price, \$ 2.25
Jaeger Wool Gloves—20 dozen pairs only, 1 dome fastening. These will go in a hurry—Hurry and get yours	Regular Price \$3.00 Half Price, \$ 1.50
Jaeger Fancy Wool Vests in Taupe, Greys and Reseda Green. A few only Jaeger Undergarments, small sizes	Regular Price \$12.50 Half Price, \$ 6.25 To Clear, - \$4.74

It's up to You**Kearney's**

NO MORE CHILBLAINS!

Mr. J. A. McFarlane of St. John's, Ontario, had chilblains so bad that he couldn't wear boots. Egyptian Liniment relieved them. Don't suffer from chilblains this winter. This liniment is also for Foot Bites, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Chaps and Throat, Neuralgia, etc.

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